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LUBBOCK MAIL SERVICE TANGLE

THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ARE HAVING TROUBLES OF THEIR OWN—MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT

CHANGE IN CONTRACT WORDING CAUSES DELAY

The Trouble Seems to be in the Railroad Company at Present—Many Letters Have Passed Between People of Lubbock, Government Officials and the Railroad Company.

For some time past, in fact from the time the passenger trains began to operate in and out of this place, there has been a great deal of speculation as to when the railroad would take charge of the mail service from Plainview to Lubbock. The way the mail is handled at this time is a great drawback to this town. The regular mail car is brought through empty, and without mail clerks. The Lubbock mail is dumped off at Plainview, sorted out and sent on its way by truck, the next day arriving in Lubbock about thirty hours after the train, or in other words, the mail comes to Lubbock twice after it leaves the Lubbock mail at Plainview, before the mail car delivers it to our post office. One cannot blame the people for getting very impatient along this line.

The matter has been taken up by several of our prominent and influential citizens with different men in authority. One of which is J. J. Dillard, who wrote Congressman, W. R. Smith at Washington, to take the matter up with the Post Office Department in that city, and to see what could be done with regard to having the matter hurried up. The following letter was received several days ago from Mr. Smith, which explains the situation, and throws the blame entirely on the railroad company.

The letter reads:

"Washington, Feb. 2.—Mr. J. J. Dillard, Lubbock, Texas. Dear Sir: Your letter of the 24th instant, with regard to an extension of railway mail service on the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway, was duly received.

"I took this matter up with the Post Office Department in person and learn that this service was recommended for establishment on the 20th of December 1909 and that Lubbock does not now have railway mail service is the fault of the Santa Fe Railway Company, of which system the Pecos & Northern Texas is a part.

"The Post Office Department has a blank form of contract used for making contracts for railway mail service with every road in the United States.

"This contract calls for the performance of the service 'in accordance with the Postal Laws and Regulations.'"

"When the contract for the extension of railway mail service from Plainview to Lubbock was sent to the Santa Fe Railway Company for signature that company erased the word 'the' and substituted therefor the word 'proper' in the clause above quoted. The Post Office Department cannot have a special form of contract for each road, but must, as the railways have with regard to their contracts for shipments etc., have a general form of contract. If the Department permitted the Santa Fe to amend the form of contract the same exception to the rules would have to be made for other roads and general confusion in regard to railway mail contracts would ensue.

"The department has called the attention of the Santa Fe Railway Company to the fact that the insertion of the word 'proper' in lieu of 'the' affords no greater protection inasmuch as the Department could not enforce other than proper laws and regulations. The courts would protect the enforcement of an improper law or regulation and also against the improper enforcement of the law and regulations.

"Mr. Head of the Railway Mail Adjustment Division told me that he had long ago notified the Santa Fe that the Department was ready to establish the service from Plainview to Lubbock immediately upon receipt of the signature of that company to the contract, but that the Department could not amend the contract.

"It occurs to me that if you can find a way to bring some pressure to bear upon the officials of the Santa Fe that the matter could be adjusted in a short time.

"If I can be of further service in this matter or in any other please command me.

Very truly yours,

W. R. SMITH."

With this state of affairs existing it would seem that Lubbock may have to put up with the old way of getting our mail several days yet, but we hope that the Santa Fe Company will get the matter thoroughly settled and give us the desired service.

Spreading Out

J. B. Martin & Co., the South Singer blacksmiths are having their building enlarged to accommodate their constantly increasing business. There is a liberal amount of business in Lubbock for all lines of trade and if one hustles a goodly share will be their portion.

W. D. Benson leaves today for Wichita Falls, where he goes to visit his father-in-law, Judge Henry, who is quite feeble.

S. H. Bruce and family moved this week to Spur from Lubbock. Mr. Bruce is a carpenter and contractor, and will engage in that business here. The Texas Spur welcomes Mr. Bruce and family to Spur and wishes them a pleasant and prosperous home here.—Texas Spur.

Mr. Calloway, an attorney from Comanche, Texas, passed through Wednesday, en route home from a business trip to Brownfield.

Church Notes

We will be glad to make any announcements of Church Service, Programs, etc., in this column free of charge, where no revenue is received from the services.—Editor

TO THE PUBLIC

At last by the Grace of God we are able to have our first service in the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarenes on the second Lord's day in February. We want to thank the people of Lubbock who so kindly helped us in erecting this sacred building and to offer them a few at any and all times. We want every one to feel free and welcome. Come and help us worship and give thanks to our Father for His many blessings. Mrs. Mary Lee Cagle is our pastor. Our services will be held Sunday morning, 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 7:30 of each week. Sunday School at 10. Prayer meeting every Friday night. Every one invited to attend these services.

NAZARENE CHURCH

The Nazarene church located on South Singer street is now finished and there will be services next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come. Sister Cagle will preach and we are sure that her many friends here will be glad to hear her again. She is too well known here to need any introduction to the Lubbock people. Bro. Cagle will be present to take charge of the singing in his own free way. We want to thank God for His goodness and the kind people of Lubbock for their liberality that made it possible for this church to be erected. We do sincerely thank all who have in any way helped us. May God bless you all.

Committee.

Rev. G. B. Overton preached at the Methodist church Sunday at the 11 o'clock service, and Rev. Wright at night. Both services were greatly enjoyed.

Elder Jennings of Amarillo, conducted the dedication services in the First Christian church Sunday morning in the presence of a large audience. The church had just recently received the new factory made pews and was well prepared to accommodate the crowd, who greatly enjoyed the service. The program was fully carried out.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Topic, How to Pray. Scripture Lesson, Luke 11: 1-13.

Leader, Miss Norton. Song.

Prayer.

Leader's address.

Experiences of answered prayers by Leaguers.

Song.

Prayer.

Second reference, Mark 11: 23-25, Miss Williams.

Third reference, John 14: 13-14, Miss Wofford.

Song.

Fourth reference, Matt. 18: 19, Miss Osborne.

League benediction.

THE FIRST SUNDAY MEETING

The second session of the Union Sunday School meeting was held last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the South Side Christian church, and was a great success.

A splendid attendance and excellent behavior, coupled with speeches from strong men, singing by those who know how to sing, and music by musicians,

made the meeting a very pleasant one indeed. The program was varied, yet it was all right along the line of the work that these meetings are calculated to do.

This movement was inaugurated some two months ago, and was brought about through a desire of the different Sunday School workers of the town to get as many people to attend the Sunday School services as possible, and to create a greater interest in the work throughout the town. The advocates of this movement are greatly pleased with the effect of the work so far, and trust that the next first Sunday meeting, which will be with the First Presbyterian church will be even better than the two previous meetings.

JUNIOR B. V. P. E.

Song, No. 29.

Prayer.

Song, No. 74.

Scripture reading, John 1: 43-51.

Song, No. 36.

John 14: 8-12, Eva Wheelock.

Acts 1: 13, Lillie Barclay.

Jesus finds Philip, Loyd Baker.

Philip finds Nathaniel, Winnie Clayton.

Matt. 10: 3-8, Adah Everett.

Violin solo, Eva Wheelock.

Philip finds work to do, Stella Lee.

John 12: 20-26, Lillian Simmons.

Song, No. 28.

Names of apostles by entire class.

Sentence prayers for the unconverted.

Roll call and reading of minutes.

Business meeting.

Song, No. 133.

Dismissal.

Leader, Elva Glover.

H. M. S. PROGRAM

Subject, Tithing.

Hymn.

Scripture lesson.

Prayer.

Questions on tithing by 2nd vice President, answered by members from Bible.

Hymn.

Leaflet—The Key in the Pocket.

Leaflet—Systematic Giving.

Leaflet—Her Tithe.

Hymn.

Reading—Will a Man Rob God?

Seven reasons for tithing.

Doxology.

Rev. J. E. Wright will preach next Sunday at Monroe at eleven o'clock. Services will be held in the new store building.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Next Lord's day I will speak at the morning hour on "Advertising the Church." And at the evening hour on "Hope." Special music at both services. Our Bible School meets at 10 a. m. All are cordially invited to these services.

J. C. Welch, minister.

SUNBEAM PROGRAM

Song.

Lesson—The Sabbath, Luke 6: 1-11.

Talk on Lesson.

Song—Wilma Farris and Kitney Ervin.

Roll call—How to spend the Sabbath.

Song—Norma Dixon, Kathleen Farris, Vernie Watts and Verdie Shell.

Twelve apostles—Large pupils.

First Psalm—Large pupils.

First fourteen books of old Testament.

Recitation—Carrie Perdue.

Recitation—Leland Dupree.

Song.

Lord's Prayer.

THE TEXICO-COLEMAN CUT-OFF

WILL SOON BEGIN CONSTRUCTION FROM THIS POINT MATERIAL ARRIVING AND NEW TRACKAGE

ROOM HAS BEEN SECURED OUT NEAR THE Y

For Placing Material That Will Be Needed. W. G. Harris, Chief Engineer of Construction, is Looking After the Proposition and Expects Work to Begin Immediately.

About all the preliminary work has been done relative to the beginning of construction on the Texico-Coleman cut-off running west from Lubbock and the actual grading and track laying will begin in the near future.

The Santa Fe has secured additional grounds in the west part of the city and will prepare for the storage of material in the near future.

This work will be rushed to completion and every advantage taken to facilitate matters. It also sets forever at rest the claims of some people that the cut-off would not build out of this town but would be run south.

Lubbock has come in for a good share of knocks from some sources but Lubbock is a winner. She will not down.

There is other prospects that look good to those who are next and it will not be very long before we can tell the glad tidings to the world. There is but one thing to do and that is keep the ball rolling.

The Texico-Coleman cut-off will place Lubbock on a trans-continental line and it will put the town in close touch with the gardens and fisheries of the gulf coast and also the fruit belt of the Pacific country. This will add materially to the pleasure of living in this section and those who are look for the very best place on the map had just as well pack up and come.

WHEAT CROP CONDITION

Farmers State That the Prospects Are Very Flattering at this Time—Will Need Mill

From the reports that are coming from the different parts of this county, and Lubbock country in general, there is a mighty good prospect for a fine small grain crop in the south plains this year. The seasons have been exceedingly favorable to the small grain this winter, and the acreage was sufficiently large to make the small grain crop of this section of the plains very attractive.

There is at this time a splendid growing season in the ground enough to keep the plant thrifty for some time yet which will insure it to be carried through to the spring seasons begin.

With this chain of circumstances and favorable condition before us it behooves the people of Lubbock to make some move toward getting a flour mill proposition under advisement. We believe that it is a necessity, and hope that it will be considered in such a manner as to get into direct touch with parties in this line of business.

Diversified farming is the thing for this country, and we should encourage every branch of the farming industry, small grain, corn, cotton, alfalfa, etc. Let's give them a thorough test and results will be indeed gratifying.

A Big Land Deal.

For a consideration said to be between \$500,000 and \$700,000, the T. O. ranch of 2,250,000 acres, opposite Sierra Blanca, Texas, on the Mexican side of the river, has been sold to Edwin Morris, son of the late Nelson Morris, head of the Nelson Morris, Packing company of Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha, for the packing company.

Lubbock Steam Laundry

Lubbock can now boast of a first class Steam Laundry. It is an institution that our town has been greatly in need of too, and we are confident that the new management will enjoy a liberal patronage from our people.

OUR VOTING STRENGTH

Lubbock County Moves Up Several Notches—Will More Than Double Last Vote.

A very good way to determine the growth in the population of a county is to keep tab on the voting strength. According to the report of the county tax collector, there have been 612 poll tax receipts issued this year against about 360 one year ago. This gives the county a pretty good per cent gain within the past twelve months. It is estimated with the exemptions and those who have just moved in, and who have paid their poll tax at other places that our voting strength this summer at the primaries will range around 800.

Collector Flynn also reported 100 delinquents, which means that quite a number will be deprived of the privilege of voting on any question that might come up during the year, that the people's vote will decide. We had hoped that there would not be such a large number in Lubbock and attached counties on this list, but it seems that they over looked an important matter that cannot be amended now.

Dr. J. A. Craven expects to begin the erection of a modern six room bungalow next week. This residence will cost about \$2,300 and will be one of the most conveniently arranged homes in the city. This will make four residence buildings under construction within a stone's throw of each other and all nice houses of the latest designs.

R. C. Hampton and sister, Miss Nora, left last night for St. Louis to purchase goods for the firm, W. R. Hampton and Son. Hampton & Son will soon have in stock one of the most up to date stock of goods in the city.—Merkel Daily Telegram.

W. E. Bledsoe was transacting business in Lubbock the first of this week.